What is claimed is:

2    1.    A method utilizing a graphical user interface in a computer system,

comprising the steps of:

4        executing an application program within the computer system with a

graphical user interface comprising a plurality of elements, each of said elements

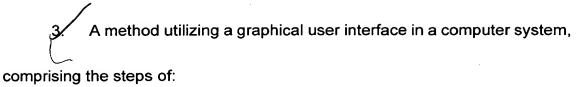6    being associated with a set of commands; and

        changing the shape of at least one of said elements when two or more

8    said elements are in close proximity.

    2.    A method utilizing a graphical user interface in a computer system,

2    comprising the steps of:

        executing an application program with a graphical user interface

4    comprising a plurality of elements, each said element being associated with a set

of commands; and

6        fusing the edge of two or more of said elements together when said two

or more elements are in close proximity.

3. A method utilizing a graphical user interface in a computer system,

2 comprising the steps of:

executing an application program with a graphical user interface

4 comprising a plurality of elements, each said element being associated with a set

of commands; and

6 changing the graphical representation of one or more of the said elements

when two or more of said elements are in close proximity.